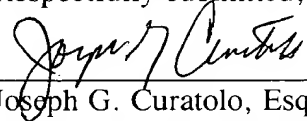


Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-27) in the present application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file claims 28-40 in one or more divisional applications.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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